



The American Forest Resource Council, which represents nearly 90 forest products companies throughout the western United States applauds Congressmen Greg Walden and Earl Blumenauer for the process they undertook to review the needs of the Mt. Hood National Forest. The American Forest Resource Council promotes balanced and sustained management on our federal forests, and while this legislation primarily reviews additions to the wilderness system, it takes an important look at forest health and management needs for the Mt. Hood National Forest in addition to reviewing transportation, recreational, tribal and watershed needs. We look forward to working with Congress during the hearing process of this bill, and the on-the-ground implementation should the legislation be passed. Walden and Blumenauer should be congratulated for taking the time to view conditions on the ground before drawing management lines on a map.

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President